

Fire!

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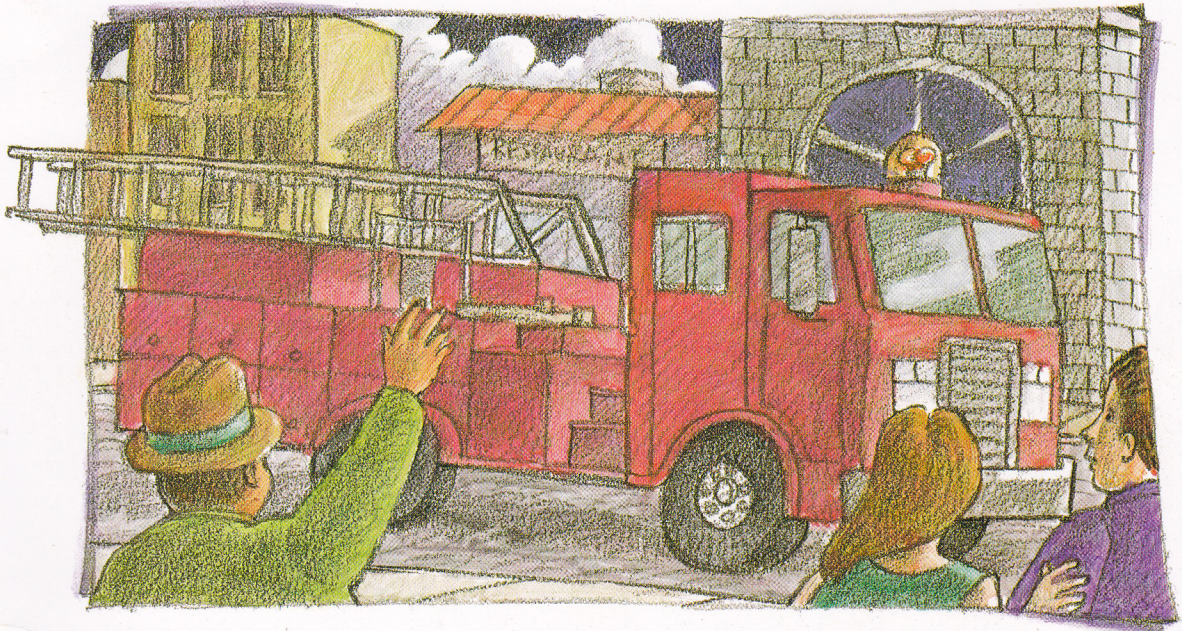
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COMPREHENSION

A Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is this story about?
a People who are in a fire
b People who are in a fire station
- 2 Where were Sam and Sean going?
a To get out of a fire
b To fight a fire
- 3 How do you know it is night?
a Because an alarm went off
b Because Sam and Sean were sleeping in the dark
- 4 Who are Joan and James?
a Other firefighters **b** Truck drivers
- 5 What will most likely happen next?
a Sam, Sean, Joan, and James will fight the fire.
b Sam, Sean, Joan, and James will go home.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B $r + an = ran$

Look at each row of letters. Add one letter from each row to *an* to make a word. Write the word.

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|---|---------|
| 1 | g, s, m |
| 2 | h, t, z |
| 3 | l, f, y |
| 4 | c, x, h |
| 5 | g, j, p |
- + an

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 The firefighters cooked dinner in a frying _____.



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